

# Kootenai GA Community Meetings

## Public Comments

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Access/Rec	1							1	Proposed wilderness managed differently in the two states
Access/Rec				3				3	Improve Cabinet Wilderness trail heads & access roads
Access/Rec					1	4		5	Wilderness should have NO motorized access/use
Access/Rec			3	2		8		13	We don't have enough wilderness
Access/Rec			1	1				2	Protect Scotchman Peaks proposed wilderness
Access/Rec							1	1	Can consensus be reached at local levels for designating wilderness
Access/Rec				3		1		4	The forest is becoming too small, too tame; we need more wilderness
Access/Rec				4		1		5	The wilderness & IRAs need fire plans
Access/Rec						2		2	More designated wilderness areas in the Yaak area
Access/Rec		15	49	40	1	1		106	There is adequate amount of wilderness now, no need for additional wilderness
Access/Rec				1			1	2	Restrictive policies, regulations, rules have created a de facto spaghetti wilderness
Access/Rec					1	3		4	More wilderness, once it's gone it's gone forever
Access/Rec	2			6				8	Provide additional motorized ATV's access (seasonal) – play areas above full pool – part roads and trails (single track) loops
Access/Rec	1					1		2	Enhance driving for pleasure - #1 Recreational use of Forest
Access/Rec		2				1	1	4	Existing snowmobile routes (i.e. roads) are starting to become less usable due to vegetative growth and windfall (cooperative partnerships can be formed similar to backcountry horsemen)
Access/Rec		19		69		15	3	106	Provide ATV/Snowmobile loop trails
Access/Rec			31	47		5	1	84	More motorized access
Access/Rec			1					1	For OHV-provide use on
Access/Rec			1				3	4	Snowmobiles pack snow helping the snow pack, delaying spring run off-allows snowmbilers more access
Access/Rec			6					6	Need to start the prioritization process as stated in the OHV amendment
Access/Rec			26					26	More designated motorized trails
Access/Rec			20	18		2		40	Don't close any more of the National Forest to snowmobile use
Access/Rec				4	1		8	13	More motorized access
Access/Rec				7	1	2	1	11	Provide ATV/Snowmobile loop trails and maps
Access/Rec				6				6	Create and designate motorized trails system (loops) and work in conjunction with the Lincoln County Recreation
Access/Rec				1		5	1	7	Keep Little Spar & Buckhorn Ridge areas available for snowmobile use. Designate the use areas by mode (i.e. snowmobile, skiing)
Access/Rec					8	1		9	Snowmobile access to Ten Lakes area should not extend beyond Therriault Lakes (exhaust fumes produce hydrocarbons at rate of 250 times greater than a single car
Access/Rec					10			10	Traditional snowmobile use in the Ten Lakes area that is recognized thru the Forest Plan should continue as it is today. This is a socio-economic value to the Tobacco Valley and Lincoln County. It is our culture and heritage.

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Access/Rec					4			4	Maintain existing motorized access on NF lands especially for senior citizens to be able to enjoy the beauty of the forest
Access/Rec						1		1	Would like to see designated OHV routes and areas
Access/Rec						5		5	Keep traditionally utilized snowmobile areas unrestricted
Access/Rec						2		2	Construct turn-around facilities at trailheads and gates (horse, pull-campers, motor-homes)
Access/Rec							3	3	More ATV/snowmobile loop trails
Access/Rec							1	1	Maps that display designated ATV/Snowmobile routes
Access/Rec	2				3			5	Need additional trail/areas for mountain biking and cross country skiing – connected areas/loops, excludes motorized (i.e. snowmobiles)
Access/Rec		2			1			3	Keep any motorized trail bike off of any existing trail
Access/Rec		1		1				2	Consider designating some exclusive use for skiing (to eliminate user conflict) preserve ski conditions i.e. not ruts
Access/Rec		9		11				20	Maintain all existing trails and trailheads. Restore old trails to maps (ones that have been removed from old maps) Horse and hiking trails alike
Access/Rec			2					2	Non-motorized and motorized uses conflict, motorized use has much more impact
Access/Rec				1		1		2	Keep all hiking trails clean
Access/Rec				1	6	1		8	Keep historical horse use in KNF
Access/Rec					8			8	Would like to have designated x-country ski area with parking, toilet (ex: Round Meadows on the Flathead) Therriault Pass would be suitable
Access/Rec					2			2	Provide horse load/unload facilities at trailheads where horse use is designated
Access/Rec						1		1	No motorized use at all on existing roads. Allowed non-motorized use only
Access/Rec				1				1	No Wild and Scenic River designation for the Kootenai River (because it would restrict public use & private property use ex. Acquisition)
Access/Rec						3		3	No fees for parking on National Forest lands (Ex. Oregon, Washington)
Access/Rec				1				1	On trail signs, tell public the distance to destinations.
Access/Rec			5					5	Quit charging for huckleberries and mushrooms
Access/Rec			6	2		2		10	Keep harvest of mushrooms and huckleberries local
Access/Rec			10					10	Boat ramp above Kootenai Falls
Access/Rec			10					10	Boat ramp across from Throups Lake
Access/Rec			16					16	Boat ramp at Leonia
Access/Rec			1					1	Protect the campgrounds we now have for day use and overnight
Access/Rec						1		1	No more fee areas on roadside campgrounds
Access/Rec							3	3	Put Meadow Peak Lookout on the cabin Rental Program

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Access/Rec	3							3	Policy statement in FP should state the forest is open for all uses, unless specifically closed
Access/Rec	2							2	Increased effort in providing scenic vistas across the G.A.
Access/Rec		2		2				4	Want recreation maps to display the routes and areas that are specifically available for motorized or non-motorized
Access/Rec						1		1	Keep motorized and non-motorized uses very separated
Access/Rec						1		1	Provide maps that display designated areas for winter activities.
Access/Rec		3						3	Even roads that are restricted have other limitations i.e. when wind-blown trees cross the roads you have trouble walking
Access/Rec		3		1				4	Keep access open to Chicago Peak regardless of what happens with the Rock Creek Mine
Access/Rec		4		1				5	Make an effort to keep any road open that leads to a trailhead
Access/Rec		3						3	Would like to see Trail #966 (Dad's Peak Trail) sawed out
Access/Rec			94	71	8	18	3	194	Don't close any more National Forest roads
Access/Rec			1	1	1			3	A major road into each major area for fire control and sportsman access
Access/Rec			5		1			6	Closure of roads has resulted in longer trail access to traditional recreation area (Ex. Wee Lake, Teepee Mtn.)
Access/Rec				1	1			2	Inventory with public comments all RS 2477 roads – open those already chosen
Access/Rec				1				1	Roads that are closed at the bottom of drainage limit access even to non-motorized uses. Easier for horsemen but not foot
Access/Rec				2				2	Produce a tri-color forest road map where open, closed, and seasonal are displayed
Access/Rec				1				1	Access is not defined by rubber tires and snowmobiles (i.e. mode of access)
Access/Rec					1			1	Provide access for other management activities, ie. harvest activities, fuels mgmt, fire suppression
Access/Rec						1		1	If there is a road in place – open it if there is no road in place – do not construct one
Access/Rec						1		1	Maintain current open road densities in the Yaak and identified recovery zones while increasing core area
Access/Rec						1		1	Adhere to RS 2477
Access/Rec							3	3	Private land guaranteed access to lands within the Forest lands
Access/Rec							2	2	Address and determine valid RS 2477 roads in the planning process
Access/Rec				1				1	Instead of administrative access w/trucks, consider using horses
Access/Rec	1							1	Implications of road decommissioning on management of vegetative resource
Access/Rec			33	7		9		49	Don't recontour any more National Forest roads
Access/Rec			12	17			7	36	Don't obliterate any more roads
Access/Rec				2	6	7	1	16	STOP Tearing Out (Recontouring Roads Quit Spending Taxpayer Money twice!)
Access/Rec					1			1	Provide better information regarding the reasons for decommissioning of roads. Describe the benefits
Access/Rec				1		4		5	Decommission more roads
Access/Rec				1		1		2	Do not obliterate/reconstruct roads that are already vegetated over
Access/Rec				1				1	Tired of controlling people by obliteration of roads and promoting sediment to streams

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Access/Rec				2				2	FS roads need to be brought up to BMP standards
Access/Rec						1		1	Decommission roads along streams to protect water quality and fisheries (roads by streams increase fishing pressure)
Access/Rec						1		1	Decommission roads increases sedimentation and wastes Federal tax dollars
Access/Rec							1	1	Bring road up to standard to meet water quality standards "instead" of ripping out roads or recontouring – "It's wasting resources." Roads cost \$ to build. Repair instead of destroying.
Access/Rec	4			2				6	Local managers need flexibility to prescribe treatments for specific areas – one size does not fit all
Access/Rec	2			1	1	1		5	Design plans to allow local managers to be more flexible and site specific
Access/Rec	1	1				2		4	The larger population centers associated with the Idaho panhandle NF may overwhelm the influence and input from the
Access/Rec	1							1	Politics – large communities carry more "clout."
Access/Rec				1				1	What the problem is the public isn't involved in road closure decisions. Let's include the public in these decisions
Access/Rec			51					51	How do our comments rank vs. Regional/National comments
Access/Rec						2	1	3	Local comments should receive more consideration than non-local comments (especially back East)
Access/Rec			43	37	1			81	Forest Plan should be voted on only by those who live/work in K.N.F. area
Access/Rec			1	1		3		5	Address concerns with people who are non-local because it is their land too
Access/Rec						2		2	Limit comments to only people who have been here and seen the area
Access/Rec				1				1	More flexibility in management guidelines
Access/Rec		1		1				2	Need to separate local from outside opinions. Different color badge?
Access/Rec	1							1	Provide/maintain mineralize access to KNF (fear)
Access/Rec				1				1	Miners need open roads
Access/Rec				2				2	Miners need clear & concise & predictable & consistently enforced regulations
Access/Rec					2	3		5	Would like to see better enforcement of existing restrictions (ie. OHV violating current restrictions)
Access/Rec						1		1	Better enforcement of current restrictions (i.e. weekend presence)
Access/Rec	3			1	1		3	8	Set up designated areas for specific use, i.e. OHV's vs. Horse/Mountain Bike/Foot/Hiking
Access/Rec	2							2	Resolve conflict between OHV users and non-motorized uses within Tobacco River Rails-to-Trails corridor (separate uses)
Access/Rec	1							1	Designate roads and trails that are open to all types
Access/Rec		6						6	Access and recreation
Access/Rec		2						2	Any road closure results in denying access to the public and their public lands use (all modes: motorized and non-motorized)
Access/Rec		9		16	1	25	5	56	Open more roads for seasonal use (i.e. hunting and fishing)
Access/Rec		8		8		11	1	28	Would like to see more seasonally open roads to accommodate firewood cutting (windthrown)
Access/Rec			105	6				111	Open more National Forest roads on a seasonal basis

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Access/Rec			30	4		5		39	Don't take out any more roads behind the gates
Access/Rec			2	21				23	Open more roads permanently
Access/Rec					22	10	4	36	Open more roads on a year-round basis (gated roads and bermed roads) and perform maintenance to maintain reasonable use
Access/Rec					6			6	No more closed roads
Access/Rec					1	1		2	Do not convert any more roads to trails
Access/Rec		2	42			3	2	49	Maintain road access for fire suppression
Access/Rec			16	10				26	Roads open to access firewood
Access/Rec						1		1	Increase access to firewood to reduce fuel, heat homes, provide jobs
Access/Rec					2	38		40	Leave the roads open; take out gates – need access for fire and other resources
Access/Rec			1	1				2	Concern with road closures affecting ability for fire access
Access/Rec				1				1	How about a road through the Cabinets & Katka Face (Wilderness) for those who can't see our beautiful places. (Have binoculars for viewing pay – ones) (provide handicapped access) Animals (T&E) don't mind
Access/Rec							1	1	These are public lands; keep them open to the public
Access/Rec				2				2	Miners need open roads
Access/Rec					2			2	More Trailheads for horse trailers – sign beginning of road
Access/Rec		2			2			4	Would like to have more currently open roads put in restricted status
Access/Rec					1			1	Don't need a scenic corridor along the railroad tracks
Access/Rec				1	1			2	Wasn't the purpose of logging roads to get the timber out? What will pay for all these backlogged maintenance
Access/Rec				1		1		2	Wants road signs w/names instead of numbers so you know where you are
Access/Rec				1				1	Do not include griz road management FEIS in revision without reassessing its conclusions
Access/Rec	2			3				5	Provide/ensure aging population has adequate access across Forest for all recreational activities, i.e. huckleberry picking/ fishing, etc
Access/Rec	1			3	1		1	6	Senior citizens firewood program on closed roads
Access/Rec			1	2		1		4	Would like our maps to show where handicap accessibility exist
Access/Rec				1	2	1		4	Think of the disabled!
Access/Rec						1	2	3	Provide more access for handicapped especially fishing
Access/Rec				1				1	Handicap/disabled recreational fishing access to remote, roaded sites
Access/Rec				2		1	1	4	Access for disabled fishing – like disabled hunting
Access/Rec	11							11	Educational process for trail use
Access/Rec						1		1	Establish winter education program for skiers and snowmobilers (i.e. avalanche awareness)
Access/Rec		2				1		3	More public education and defensible space program
Fire Risk	3							3	What data are you going to use to show the public what the fire risk is and where?

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Fire Risk	2							2	In using fire management, what emphasis (weight) is being given to the smoke pollution that necessarily occurs? Suggest
Fire Risk	1					1		2	Use in place inventories of vegetation classified into fire classes to show the public where and how serious the risk is
Fire Risk	1							1	Have the public help set up possible treatments to evaluate how the worst fire effects can be avoided
Fire Risk		1						1	How to protect the public from large fires
Fire Risk			3	4				7	Fire risk
Fire Risk			1					1	1910 fuel loads
Fire Risk			3	1				4	Urban Interface – aggressively handle fire risk
Fire Risk				1				1	Controlled burns affect health of susceptible individuals in the community
Fire Risk			11					11	Keep controlled burns from getting out of control
Fire Risk			1					1	Adhere to ICBMP target for prescribe burns
Fire Risk	1							1	What analysis methods are you going to use to evaluate alternative strategies, treatment types and locations?
Fire Risk	1							1	Are you going to use fire models?
Fire Risk	1			1				2	Use fire models with the field maps “gauge” worst-case scenario fires for the various areas
Fire Risk				5			1	6	More (much) projects like the treasure Interface Stewardship project
Fire Risk						2		2	Let natural fires burn to return to a natural cycle
Fire Risk			1					1	Increase prescribe burns for reducing accumulated duff
Fire Risk							1	1	Burn slash and/or utilize for firewood
Fire Risk	3			3		1		7	Use slash, dead and down fuels as alternative energy sources to produce forest products. This will be a return on investment.
Fire Risk	2					9		11	More aggressive fuel reduction throughout the area
Fire Risk	2			3		1	1	7	Address the fuel build-up in the new plan
Fire Risk	1			1				2	Wildland Urban Interface more aggressive fuel management in the new plan
Fire Risk	1			18		3		22	More salvage to reduce wildfire
Fire Risk		1		1				2	Use fire as a management tool
Fire Risk			1					1	Burn slash more frequently (prioritize air quality areas)
Fire Risk				1				1	Prevent forest fires like 2000-02
Fire Risk					2			2	Aggressive management of urban interface fuel but exclude old growth
Fire Risk					5			5	Reduce prescribed burns
Fire Risk		9		1				10	Reduce the fuels build up to prevent catastrophic wildfire
Fire Risk		1		3	1	7		12	Reduce fuels build up near communities
Fire Risk		3				2		5	Update fire management plan to allow wildland fire for resource benefit

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Fire Risk						2		2	Create a natural looking mosaic through management that would limit the spread of large fires. Take a proactive planning
Fire Risk						1		1	When stand plots show excess fuels, open so people can take dead trees for firewood
Fire Risk			37	12	4	1		54	Manage timber for healthy forests
Fire Risk				1				1	Get the forest back in balance to reduce fire risk
Fire Risk						2		2	Manage for actual forest health, not insatiable consumer appetite for wood products
Fire Risk				2		5		7	Open the roads so you can get in and clean out the dead trees underbrush
Fire Risk		1		2				3	Get rid of Jack-strawed trees (Lodge Pole) for wildlife & hazard in general-Harvest bug kill, benefit industry, firewood for
Fire Risk			31	17		3	2	53	Harvest trees before they burn up
Fire Risk			2	2				4	Open up for private fuel use
Fire Risk				6		2		8	Salvage bug-killed down timber, it is a fire hazard
Fire Risk				1				1	More snags for wildlife (17" +)
Fire Risk							8	8	Utilize both commercial and non-commercial management tools to reduce live and dead fuel loadings and associated fire
Fire Risk						1		1	More aggressive effort to revegetate burned areas not just to include trees
Fire Risk				3		2		5	Do not use fire as justification for logging under the euphemisms of salvage & restoration
Fire Risk				2				2	Clearcuts do not mimic wildfire
Fire Risk			1	1				2	The six "P" prior planning prevents piss poor performance – Increase logging – decrease fire danger
Fire Risk				3	1	3		7	More salvage to reduce fire hazard (dead & down) also to supply raw materials to mills
Fire Risk					7			7	Harvest fire salvage while merchantable
Fire Risk				1		1		2	Do more harvesting followed by prescribed fire vs. just prescribed fire
Fire Risk			1					1	Just leave the forest alone - let people take care of it
Fire Risk					4			4	Include provision for emergency stop-gap measure
Fire Risk						1	1	2	Develop effective community evacuation plans w/open roads coordinated to facilitate people leaving
Fire Risk						2		2	People that live in the National Forests should realize that fires are a natural process and accept the risk to the homes and improvements
Fire Risk			4	3	1	2	2	12	Firewood in slash piles
Fire Risk		1						1	Update fire management plan for IRA's
Fire Risk		2				1		3	Privatize fire suppression/RD Fire
Fire Risk		2						2	Limit private contracting for fire suppression
Fire Risk			2					2	Loss of revenue due to fires (vacation home business
Fire Risk			1					1	More grants to help landowners
Fire Risk				1				1	97 mm in mortality annually, growth 42 mm. Annually harvest only 50-60 mmbf. 191 truck loads per day available potentially available

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Fire Risk					2			2	Biomass heating plant (Fuels for Schools) at Eureka schols
Fire Risk					8			8	Biomass energy generation using non-merchantable material
Fire Risk						1		1	Develop local facilities for burning excess fuel for heating and energy
IRA/Wild							1	1	No more wilderness studies
IRA/Wild	4			4				8	Limit OHV use within Roadless Areas
IRA/Wild	3			12		1		16	Open Roadless areas to motorized vehicles (50/50)
IRA/Wild	2			2				4	Protect heritage/customs and culture – talking about access to Forest – concern about additional road obliteration – NO
IRA/Wild	2					2		4	Hidden cost to Roadless areas need to be considered – i.e. loss of watersheds/wildlife – results of catastrophic fire from lack of management
IRA/Wild	1							1	Movement towards “designation” of Big Creek and scenic river (complete study)
IRA/Wild	1							1	Maintaining access to National Forest within Inventoried Roadless
IRA/Wild	1			2		1		4	Close additional roads to add/encourage wildlife habitat and add to Roadless Areas
IRA/wild					4			4	IRA/ Proposed wilderness should be opened up temporarily with skid trails to capture the dead timber
IRA/Wild		1		1				2	Wants to leave Bull River and Vermillion alone – no congressional designation needed
IRA/Wild						1		1	Allow for communication in Roadless Areas for emergencies i.e. cell phone towers, radio, etc.
IRA/Wild						1		1	No more management on National Forest lands
IRA/Wild		2		1			2	5	Want reduction of # of IRAs so that available for use w/snowmobiles and ATVs
IRA/Wild		1		1				2	Don't support IRAs, manage the IRAs with road access
IRA/Wild			29	26		11	1	67	Too much roadless area
IRA/Wild				12		42		54	We need designated wilderness in roadless areas North of the Kootenai River; there is none yet protected
IRA/Wild					5			5	Make Ten Lakes area a National Recreation Area
IRA/Wild						1		1	Protect Roadless Areas 1000 acres and greater
IRA/Wild							1	1	Executive order to remove IRA law
IRA/Wild			42	16		3	1	62	Allow snowmobile use in Scotchman Roadless Area/Proposed wilderness
IRA/Wild		2						2	Maintain Elk Creek Roadless area
IRA/Wild		3		5				8	Continue Roadless policy as it is
IRA/Wild		2						2	Have the correct amount of roads in the IRAs now
IRA/Wild		1						1	Don't designate IRAs as wilderness, leave as they are
IRA/Wild		1		1	1	4		7	How will wildfires be managed in IRAs? Concerned about poor roaded access to fight fires
IRA/Wild			27					27	IRAs/ Wilderness
IRA/Wild			3	1				4	Roadless maps don't appear accurate-looks like there are roads in IRA boundaries

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IRA/Wild			5	1				6	Proposed wilderness should be downgraded to IRA (Inventoried Roadless Area)
IRA/Wild			3	1		1		5	More varied habitat types represented in the wilderness system
IRA/Wild			5	1		2		8	Roadless areas are too fragmented, need to be kept connected
IRA/Wild			5	1		1		7	Protect trails in roadless areas
IRA/Wild				11		4		15	Connect IRAs for wildlife movement – Linkage zones and the IRAs inherent wildness
IRA/Wild					1			1	The Ten Lakes MWSA area should be designated as wilderness
IRA/Wild						1		1	Protect/manage roadless areas of >1000 acres as they would have been under the Roadless Rule
IRA/Wild						3		3	Manage IRAs as wilderness
IRA/Wild						1	1	2	Take out areas that have had roads, out of IRAs
IRA/Wild						1		1	If we implement more IRAs we reduce the ability to manage the IRAs for timber and recreation
IRA/Wild							1	1	Restore IRAs to multiple use
IRA/Wild		3				1		4	Helicopter timber sales should be allowed in roadless areas
IRA/Wild				2		30		32	Roadless areas provide valuable wildlife diversity – including trophy animals – need more wilderness
IRA/Wild				1		4		5	Manage areas around IRAs to promote habitat connectivity between areas
IRA/Wild				1				1	Reduce IRAs – but do need some
Other Issues	1	1				1		3	Will need two separate sets of alternatives for the two forests.
Other Issues				2				2	Have completely different alternatives for each forest
Other Issues				1				1	Planning process should be single forest only so as not to dilute local concern
Other Issues				3		2		5	Beginning of the Forest Plan Policy stating that the Forest is being managed for multiple use and public access
Other Issues					1			1	Public suspicion that local influence is lost in combined forest planning cannot be allayed by public meetings. If you're really concerned about local public influence and input, return some measure of local influence by doing the planning forest by forest
Other Issues						1		1	Why are we zoned with the IPNF?
Other Issues			1					1	Why was District Ranger not notified of the Forest Service plan to deal with Kootenai National Forest.
Other Issues	2							2	Why do the Idaho Forests have greater latitude in meeting T&E laws?
Other Issues	1							1	Idaho managed as wilderness, Montana managed as potential wilderness ie. allows snowmobiling
Other Issues	1							1	GA concept is compartmentalized and not integrated.
Other Issues	1							1	Allow state to be directly authorized in this plan to have direct implementation involvement
Other Issues	1							1	Need to display quantities that will translate to management actions
Other Issues			3	1				4	Does Forest Service insure that paid protesters are meeting labor requirements: insurance, soc.sec., etc
Other Issues				2	1			3	End the 30-year war on the Kootenai by bringing polarized groups to the table to find common ground

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Other Issues				1				1	What is the need for a Forest Service Regional Office
Other Issues				1				1	Would like State control rather than WO control over the Forests
Other Issues					2			2	CHEM trails from jets (please give us info)
Other Issues					1			1	Utilize “call when needed” contracting to get more work done on the ground at a competitive rate
Other Issues		2						2	Do not use divisive language such as “destructionist groups” Conservationist is a better term
Other Issues		5						5	Under U.S. Constitution the State Foresters should manage all non-private land within the States’ boundaries, because there is no provision for the National Forest per se in the Constitution
Other Issues						1		1	Want to see no management on this National Forest
Other Issues							1	1	KNF as a candidate for Washington Office Junior Ranger Program
Other Issues				1				1	State control of USFS; more local control
Other Issues						1		1	No management no motorized, no firefighting leave it alone
Other Issues						1		1	Seasons now used for research studies don't allow accurate data collection. Need to change when they do the surveys because of high use times hucks/mushrooms
Other Issues			14	4				18	Make frivolous lawsuit people pay the government lawyer fees
Other Issues				1				1	Wants a regulatory attitude of the National Forest to support miners
Other Issues				1				1	Eliminate frivolous enforcement of regulations
Other Issues				2		3	1	6	Miners need respect for their rights under 1872 Mining Law and any other law
Other Issues	1							1	What analyses will be applied and what outputs will be displayed in DEIS to evaluate alternatives
Other Issues		18		9			1	28	Appeals process – appellant should have to post bond or pay for processing the appeal if it is blatantly frivolous and
Other Issues			6					6	#’s from previous comments did not reflect what was actually submitted
Other Issues				1			1	2	Collaborate model at the appeals level as a means to prevent litigation
Other Issues			1	1				2	Protect NEPA process with emphasis on appeals
Other Issues	5			1		1		7	Send invitations to local officials, public interest groups, academic institutions, (within the zone) to form collaboration groups to work with the Forest Service throughout the planning process on all issues. Public needs to understand the process, data, analysis, etc
Other Issues	4							4	Sharing with the public data, analysis, science that will be used to do the affects by alternatives
Other Issues	1							1	Respond to emails that we have received them.
Other Issues						1		1	Revise the “dot” process to something more accurate and less skewed.
Other Issues			5					5	Web access to all issues and comments from this meeting and across the board (and region of origin-Kootenai vs. IPNF)
Other Issues			5	1				6	Public wants to know forest supervisor’s views on everything/all issues
Other Issues				1				1	Consider letters submitted by groups as individual comments from each member
Other Issues				2				2	Have a meeting where questions are answered

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Other Issues	7			6	1		4	18	Important to maintain socio-economic base of resource dependent communities
Other Issues	1							1	#1 Priority of the forest should be to benefit the human environment (needs and culture).
Other Issues			3	4				7	Create more tourist attractions (Parks instead of wilderness)
Other Issues						4	4	8	If the Forest Plan leads to economic and/or social jeopardy for our communities, what is the Forest Service's plan to address this?
Other Issues		1		10	5	7	13	36	Forest Plan should protect the heritage and culture and custom of communities adjacent to the forests
Other Issues								0	How can the local people make a living off the forest and enjoy the area in which they live while the Forest Service plans and regulations seem to conflict with these values
Other Issues						1	1	2	Support community building events such as puppet shows.
Other Issues						1		1	It's not the job of the Forest Service to provide people with logging jobs.
Other Issues		4		6			2	12	If Forest Plan puts local communities in jeopardy, what will be the mitigation for those communities
Other Issues					2			2	Make economics part of all decisions
Other Issues						6	1	7	How can people live here, make a living and enjoy the surroundings? The Forest Plan goes against all these things.
Other Issues						6		6	People need jobs and jobs can be found in restoration of the forest and weed control, including monitoring, biological data gathering, etc.
Other Issues				1	2		1	4	Accommodate traditional panning and prospecting activities
Timber	2							2	Need more effective monitoring to determine the effectiveness of the tools being used to determine where and when and how timber sales are laid out
Timber	1							1	There needs to be outputs specified in the plan
Timber	1			1				2	Would like to see management of timber resources by watershed basis
Timber		3			1	5		9	More local input into very small sales, such as identification of areas and sale design
Timber		5		4		8	5	22	In this timbered area, timber production should be a high priority for the economy of the area.
Timber			10	2				12	Guaranteed annual supply
Timber			2	2				4	No diameter limit
Timber			42	1		3		46	More to help local communities, timber, etc
Timber			17	11	1	1	5	35	Increase annual sale volume
Timber			13	15		17	3	48	More timber sales
Timber			3	19		7	11	40	More small sales for local community
Timber				1				1	Clearcuts should not be square (different shapes, more visually appealing) like in the shape of a rabbit, etc
Timber					2	5		7	Small sales have a local operator preference
Timber					1	1		2	Utilize timber products before burning an area
Timber						1	1	2	Maintain a stable timber program
Timber						1		1	Stop subsidized logging

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Timber	1							1	Whatever outputs are determined in the forest plan should be obtained
Timber	1			2	1			4	Forest Plan should contain an aggressive selective thinning program to pre-empt and solve moderate to high fire risk stands in order to keep watersheds from receiving ashen erosion.
Timber					1			1	Utilize precommercial thinning to increase growth in established plantations
Timber				2			1	3	Need clearcuts for wildlife management
Timber				3				3	Clearcuts are a good cultural tool
Timber				1				1	Need to have some clearcuts
Timber							1	1	Match and/or exceed growth +/- mortality on KNF until aggregate fuel loads are comfortably below upper HRV limit, with defensible basin-wide fuel profiles
Timber			2	3				5	Increase small sales for timber output
Timber		7		26				33	Manage forest for the economic advantage of the area – timber, minerals
Timber				1				1	Manage forest for economic advantage
Timber				2		5		7	No clearcuts
Timber					2	16		18	Manage forests on a sustainable yield basis
Timber						1		1	Zero cut on all national Forests
Timber				2		3		5	Leave large trees
Timber	3			6				9	Need to use the best available science when developing prescriptions, not public opinion
Timber	2							2	Is there a way to disperse the timber harvesting so that individual drainages are not over cut
Timber	1			1	1			3	Need to use local forest surveys/stand exams to determine outputs. Not public opinion
Timber	1				2	1		4	To allow 9'3" firewood/deadwood to be removed by general public
Timber	1							1	Maintain public input on burned areas and salvage
Timber	1			2	1			4	Harvest should meet/equal the mortality rate on forest
Timber	1				1			2	Need to avoid listing outputs by CCF or MBF and gear it toward improving forest health
Timber	1				4			5	Sustainability is key to forest health and also the key to community health. Community health is also an issue.
Timber				1	1	2	1	5	Look into providing wood fiber for biomass – provides income to Forest Service & cleans up the forest floor
Timber		15	63	57	5	31		171	Salvage areas affected by insects while there is still value in the wood and before damage takes place
Timber			2				1	3	Harvest=Mortality
Timber			4					4	Thin small diameters>15" for forest health, reduce fire risk, reduce overstocking
Timber				5		5		10	More firewood cutting areas identified that include green & dead trees (need thinning)
Timber						1		1	Manage less for timber harvest and more focus on fish and wildlife habitat restoration
Timber						2	3	5	Manage for more dead and dying timber harvest
Timber							2	2	Free firewood permits for everyone in high fire danger areas (Thank You)

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Timber						3		3	Explore possibilities for non-degradational resource extraction (e.g. botanicals, selective timber harvest as a means of economical development, which is coincidental with forest health and ecosystem vitality)
Timber			24	16		4		44	Thinning-reducing fire risk-improving health
Timber					7	1		8	Forests always changing, need to manage old growth also – utilize timber harvest
Timber				2		2		4	Manage overstocked forests harvesting <=17" dbh
Timber						3		3	Manage for timber harvest and fish and wildlife habitat
Timber	2	4		59	6	4		75	Legal action needs to be take against destructionists groups shutting down salvage and dead timber sales to charge them with destruction of public property
Timber	2							2	Is there a way to create incentives and/or appropriations to encourage stewardship contracting?
Timber	1							1	Need to provide for program to respond to public requests for small sales that may be covered under a Blanket approval similar to an HCP (state) process
Timber		10		43		9		62	Groups appealing or litigating timber sales (large and small) should be held liable for lost revenue and resource value (Post a bond)
Timber		2						2	Restrict appeals and manage environmental issues within the "Service" (Forest Service, BLM, etc.)
Timber		3						3	Less importing of timber. Utilize our timber in a reasonable manner
Timber			86	3		2		91	Appeals and litigation groups should be held liable
Timber			1					1	Strengthen appeals/collaboration
Timber				1				1	Timber sale administrator should be on the planning team
Timber				1				1	Trail reconstruction requirements written into Timber Harvest unit plans
Timber				1				1	Reconstruct trails to designated levels prior to harvest
Timber			20	3				23	Open up harvest areas to recreation
Timber						1		1	Plant more trees
Vegetation						1		1	Want the continued commercial harvesting of mushrooms
Vegetation		5		1		1		7	Use logging/other tools to eliminate danger of fire to aquatic resources
Vegetation						1		1	Stop clearcutting and reduce erosion
Vegetation	1			1				2	Less management in designated old growth
Vegetation				4		4		8	Manage for more old growth, it seems to be more fire resistant
Vegetation				3	1			4	Allow firewood cutting in designated old growth
Vegetation						3		3	No logging in old growth
Vegetation						1		1	Allow cutting of down trees in old growth stands
Vegetation				2				2	More RNAs & special interest areas
Vegetation	3							3	Weed propagation destroying wildlife habitat
Vegetation				1		1		2	Increase weed management requirements (2 to 5 yrs after harvest)

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Vegetation				1				1	Wash stations for out-of-state vehicles working on KNF
Vegetation						1		1	Winter log only to help control weeds
Vegetation				3	1			4	Get more aggressive with weed control
Vegetation					1			1	OHV use is causing widespread weedsw and erosion
Vegetation		3						3	Need flexibility to treat weeds for specific areas-one size does not fit all
Vegetation		1		2				3	We need local control from the local GA on weed problem
Vegetation		1				1		2	Weeds – all projects should have a management plan
Vegetation		1						1	Employ contractors to apply herbicides
Vegetation		3	6					9	Need roads for weed management, to spray weeds
Vegetation			7					7	Need a plan to help public/private get rid of weeds
Vegetation			1					1	Confine knapweed to controlled areas for bee keepers
Vegetation			1	2		2		5	Control weeds after prescribed burning – seed with native vegetation right away
Vegetation			2	3			1	6	Get more aggressive with weeds behind road closures
Vegetation					2			2	Important for FS to prioritize treatment of insect/disease damage adjacent to private land
Vegetation			19	4	1		1	25	FS needs to be more aggressive with knapweed and other weeds
Vegetation					2			2	Need knapweed bounties – need weed round-ups – like the Oregon bottle law
Vegetation					4	1		5	Do something about the knapweed! And other weeds that are increasing –cooperate with the State
Vegetation					1			1	Treat arrowleaf balsamroot as a weed
Vegetation					2			2	State & county need to be more active against weeds
Vegetation						2		2	We need to take care of invasives locally and internally and not let it become a cumbersome mandate like the ESA
Vegetation						2		2	Need to control ATV access better to prevent weed intro and spread
Vegetation						1		1	After logging, close roads and decommission to prevent weed spread
Vegetation						1		1	Deal with noxious weeds by cover crop of clover to exclude weeds before they establish
Vegetation						2		2	Integrate more weed programs and do not spray as much. Yaak does not need as much spray-type control of weeds
Vegetation						1		1	We need to spray for weed control and to have access to spray and to have access behind closed roads and need a program for spraying behind decommissioned roads
Vegetation						1		1	Watch out for weeds spread from airports to helispots on fires
Vegetation						1		1	Use portable blow-torches to scorch weeds and seeds and plant right away – try to spray less or in combo – especially behind closed roads
Vegetation				3		1	3	7	Want both orange and yellow hawkweed dead and out – get a grip on it now while we can
Vegetation							1	1	Forest Service needs to increase # of acres available for spraying
Vegetation				1		6		7	Close roads to help control weeds

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Vegetation		1						1	Manage weed infestation – keep more weed species out
Vegetation					3			3	Many plantations – would like FS to capitalize on investment already put into these areas – thin, plant etc through the commercial harvest
Vegetation						1		1	Plant with native vegetation especially cedar instead of treating species like this as a weed
Vegetation			2	1				3	Need a biological inventory for the Kootenai
Vegetation			7					7	T&E species will be lost if everything burns hot
Vegetation				2				2	Address adequate funding for forest monitoring & restoration
Vegetation			4					4	Manage forest to prevent fires
Vegetation				1				1	Need good stand management to get all ages back
Vegetation						1		1	Restoration initiative that addresses all of 7 issue topics equally
Vegetation		2						2	Need to prune White Pine plantations for Blister Rust
Vegetation	1			2				3	Need to utilize “Best Science” for vegetation management – Not public opinion
Vegetation	1							1	Increased effort in thinning along reservoir corridor for scenic vistas as well as forest health
Vegetation						1		1	Have very little management. Leave the forest alone.
Vegetation				1	2	1		4	We need a forest plan that provides sustainability within the designated GA while maintaining sound, practical scientifically based forest management practices
Vegetation				1				1	Snags in the wilderness and utilize merchantable snags along roads
Vegetation				1		1		2	Get a healthy forest, then worry about recreation, etc.
Vegetation					3			3	Need to thin – not only around private land – but backwoods for fire hazard
Vegetation		1				1		2	Need vegetative buffers for fish protection
Vegetation			7					7	Control alder brush
Vegetation			1					1	Restore ecosystems with native vegetation instead of timber harvest
Vegetation		3				1		4	Need precommercial thinning trees (young) from old cuts & thinning of underbrush for wildlife
Vegetation			11	5		2		18	Thin the forest – let it breathe
Vegetation				1				1	Forest health, growth = mortality
Vegetation				1				1	Get forest to historic or healthy state, other resources such as wildlife will fall into place. Get system into place
Vegetation	1					1		2	Sediment issues related to road decommissioning needs to be quantified
Vegetation					2			2	Analyze effects of sedimentation by catastrophic wildfire on drainages vs commercial thinning
Vegetation				1				1	Actively manage the forest
Vegetation			1			5		6	Control bugs
Vegetation					1	1		2	Need to do something about tent caterpillars
Vegetation							1	1	Need an overall plan for insect management
Vegetation					5			5	Don't ignore grazing – put more emphasis on it

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Vegetation					5			5	Lack of grazing is creating more of a fire hazard by not controlling fuels! FS grazing permits are restricting needed grazing on adjoining private property. Overgrazing is not the problem
Vegetation			1					1	Reduce fire risk on watershed size area by priority of fire
Water/Fish	3							3	Prescribe management on a watershed scale that utilizes a “Pulse” type disturbance rather than a “Press” system
Water/Fish		1						1	Contract studies, management, supervision to private contractors for watershed/aquatics projects – (research/data collection/analysis) and project implementation
Water/Fish	3	1					1	5	Which water quality standards will be used to determine future management actions?
Water/Fish		1		5		1		7	Keep water quality high and restore where impaired
Water/Fish			1	3				4	Be concerned with water quality
Water/Fish				1	3	1		5	Base WQLS info on quality information
Water/Fish	2			1				3	Need to build inventory of streams that are open to mining, panning, dredging, etc. There should be at least as many open to above as closed. These streams must contain mineral values.
Water/Fish			7				1	8	Take actions that are good for the people as well as the fish
Water/Fish		1			1			2	Actively manage riparian to restore all riparian components – plants, animals
Water/Fish						1		1	Focus on a terrestrial (riparian) and aquatic restoration alternative that does not focus on commercial commodity extraction
Water/Fish		2		3		1		6	Maintain healthy riparian and improve damaged riparian
Water/Fish						1		1	Restoration initiative that focuses on landscape by watershed to determine proper function and integrity based on aquatics and vegetation, which would include harvest, wildlife and weeds
Water/Fish			5	2				7	Focus on watershed analysis and make appropriate restorations
Water/Fish				2		1		3	Manage watershed with watershed analysis and planning based on restoration which includes extraction when appropriate
Water/Fish				1				1	Focus on watershed analysis and active restoration
Water/Fish			1					1	Better job of managing within creeks
Water/Fish				1				1	Find a way to manage watersheds without closing roads
Water/Fish							1	1	No Tiger Muskie fish on the Kootenai
Water/Fish			12	2	1			15	More stocking, increased limits
Water/Fish			17	6		3	3	29	Stop removing brook trout
Water/Fish			1					1	Add Tiger Muskie to Kilbrennan
Water/Fish			2	1				3	Remove bullheads from Kilbrennan
Water/Fish				1				1	Restore connectivity over Lake Cr. Dam
Water/Fish		1		1				2	Manage for aquatic species connectivity
Water/Fish				1				1	Want forest to use BPA funds to guide a fish ladder over Lake Cr. dam

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Water/Fish		2					1	3	Consider access improvements to maintain accessibility and protection of aquatic species – bridges, boardwalks, hardened crossings
Water/Fish		1			1			2	Manage forest to minimize damage to aquatic resources – timber management, stock
Water/Fish	1			2				3	We need science-based standards to guide future management actions
Water/Fish	1							1	Questions on watershed screens
Water/Fish		2		1		1		4	Tear out dams – build nuclear power plant in Noxon
Water/Fish			5	2				7	Let Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks manage fisheries
Water/Fish				1				1	FS must allow Montana to exercise Constitutional and statutory right to manage resident species of wildlife, including fish, by managing FS habitat in a manner compatible with Montana's right to manage fisheries
Water/Fish				1		1		2	Let FS manage fisheries rather than USFWS
Water/Fish			1					1	Involve Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks in planning process
Water/Fish				1				1	Have a season on herons (fish eaters)
Water/Fish			16	1				17	Permits for bull trout harvest
Water/Fish			35	50	4	3		92	Remove protection for bull trout
Water/Fish			1	1				2	Protect the bull trout and habitat
Wildlife		2						2	Manage winter range – keep wildlife on forest in winter range
Wildlife			5	1				6	More management big game winter range fire timber harvest
Wildlife			1			2		3	Address connectivity in forest plan revision between small populations (recovery zones)
Wildlife					1	1		2	Linkage carnivores (restoration, habitats, prioritize)
Wildlife						3		3	Need to give more habitat consideration to birds, neotrops, small forest carnivores, amphibians, etc.
Wildlife						1		1	Develop more winter range
Wildlife	5	2			1			8	Concern that T&E/Griz road standard limits will automatically limit recreation access “by law,” that is recovery standards we must follow.
Wildlife		2						2	Eliminate Endangered Species Act – manage for people not animals
Wildlife		1			1	5		7	Close more roads for animals, expand Endangered Species Act, manage for animals in Roadless Areas
Wildlife			5	7		1		13	Let MTFWP manage game in MT not Forest Service. Get them working together
Wildlife			2			7		9	Transplant elk from Yellowstone
Wildlife				1		12		13	Increase griz core areas
Wildlife					2			2	Griz in NCDE need to be off ESA
Wildlife					6			6	Spring bear season is too early – change seasons
Wildlife						1		1	Don't transport/transplant griz
Wildlife			87	46		19		152	No more grizzly bears
Wildlife			4	4	2	2		12	Increase core area for grizzly bear

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Wildlife			4	1		1		6	Reduce fuel accumulations to protect T & E
Wildlife			4	1		1		6	Educate public about grizzlies and leave the bears alone-no research
Wildlife			10	6		2		18	Lynx is B.S.- Humans don't impact
Wildlife			4	6		8		18	Recover grizzly populations
Wildlife			1	5				6	Lynx shouldn't be listed around here
Wildlife				1		7		8	People back east want bears and wolves, let's give them some
Wildlife				2		1		3	Management for griz not needed – they can take care of themselves
Wildlife					2	1		3	Manage as if grizzly in NCDE is recovered, so don't need connections between
Wildlife					1			1	Lynx – what does management mean to timber production
Wildlife						1	2	3	Why hasn't the issue of mortality on grizzlies during hunting season been considered more seriously rather than closing roads
Wildlife		2				2		4	Manage land to maintain wildlife corridors
Wildlife		1						1	Numbers and time for T & E species
Wildlife		1			1	6		8	More elk - more deer – more bears
Wildlife			2	3				5	More predator management-cougar
Wildlife			38	21		8		67	No wolves
Wildlife				1				1	Follow plan for elk management (current elk management guidelines)
Wildlife	1							1	Would like to see connection made with management of T&E or general species and Roadless wilderness areas.
Wildlife				6	1	2	1	10	Road density requirements for grizzly bear and other species mitigation and habitat requirements are too often not matters of law or science, but instead the results of the unlimited litigation abilities of foundation/ACLU Funded groups whose zealots go far beyond the protection of species. Until false models and suspicious rhetoric are no longer the trump card in the litigation game, forests and forest communities will continue to suffer and decline. This need to be addressed before forest planning can be effective or meaningful.
Wildlife				2		2		4	Would like to see public involved in road access for disabled
Wildlife				1		42		43	More gateless areas – less roadless areas
Wildlife						1		1	Alternate opening roads
Wildlife						1		1	Forest Service management of roads needs to change. Opening some roads and closing others to maintain ORD doesn't work. Animals stay in the area. Need longer timeframe for closures to be effective.
Wildlife			7	1			1	9	Impact of road closures on wildlife-concentrates hunters on open roads
Wildlife					2			2	Set aside spring handicapped area for access – spring bear season
Wildlife						1		1	More access for seniors (residents/nonresidents)
Wildlife		9						9	Since human error/mis-identification is majority of bear mortality, Why close roads? Why not limit bear hunting in BMUs?

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Wildlife	2							2	Would like to see the resource and financial hidden cost of non-management addressed (that is, non-managed lands will eventually be managed by fire; resource values like wildlife/fish habitat will be lost) (the things we are trying to save like wildlife species and diversity management will be lost)
Wildlife	2					2		4	Would like to see wildlife management standards more specific to GA
Wildlife	1				1			2	Would like to see wildlife management a lower priority because of non science-based court decisions that give wildlife a higher priority that is not based on sound science.
Wildlife		2						2	If you can't eat it don't manage for it
Wildlife				1				1	Restrict # of wildlife researchers on National Forests, how many bears vs. 1987
Wildlife				1		2		3	No collars on animals
Wildlife							1	1	Wildlife mitigation funds (BPA) from Libby Dam should be used exclusively in Lincoln County. (Not just on National Forest) (Expand use of funds to riparian area improvement projects locally)
Wildlife				2		3		5	More common sense – Forest Service more authority
Wildlife					1			1	USFWS is biggest problem
Wildlife						3		3	Don't manage National Forests/let wildlife take care of themselves (hiking – non-motorized)
Wildlife				4	8	2		14	Would like to manage for people before wildlife
Wildlife		1				2		3	The two above is idiotic – manage so people and animals can exist side-by-side or in proximity
Wildlife				1				1	Want forest to use holistic approach to managing wildlife
Wildlife		1						1	Need more browse for elk – via logging
Wildlife							3	3	Wildlife needs open areas to forage and survive. More timber management i.e. cutting opens these areas for the animals

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